services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commerical viability as such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. However, there are no operational airfields at Chittor, Nathdwara and Ajmer.

Increase in Civil Air Traffic

1380. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a substantial increase in civil air traffic in the country during the period 2001-2005;

(b) if so, the details of the increase reflected at major airports and the projected air traffic during the next five year, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the infrastructural demands at the major airports for handling the air traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total passenger traffic (in million) at Mumbai airport was 12.18, 11.47, 12.26, 13.28 and 15.67 for the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively. The passenger traffic was 8.93, 8.50, 9.10, 10.39 and 12.78 million at Delhi airport for the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, respectively. At Chennai airport, the passenger traffic was 4.07, 3.78, 4.16, 4.56 and 5.63 million for the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively. Bangalore airport handled 2.44, 2.28, 2.76, 3.18 and 4.11 million passenger during the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05, respectively. The passenger traffic at Kolkata airport was 2.69, 2.56, 2.83, 3.09 and 3.49 million for the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively. Hyderabad airport handled 1.61, 1.68, 1.91, 2.21 and 2.85 million passengers for the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively. The growth of civil aviation sector over the next five years will, *inter-alia*, depend upon the gross domestic product growth, aviation related demand and supply side factors etc.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has initiated several steps to provide additional parking stands at both domestic and international aprons at the metro airports at Mumbai, Delhi,Chennai and Kolkata. The steps *inter-alia* include the following at the metro airports: Delhi - Provision of additional taxi tracks, additional X-Ray machine, in security hold area of terminal-II provision of CUTE system, construction of new domestic and international terminals. Mumbai-Provision of additional taxi tracks, modification of domestic terminal integration of arrival halls of terminals, upgradation of terminals, construction of new domestic and international terminals. Chennai-Provision of additional checking counters, modification of existing international departure terminal and its integration with the new international arrival terminal Kolkata - New international departure terminal Hyderabad- Strengthening and extension of runway from 9000 feet to 10600 feet.

Revamping of Hyderabad Airport

1381. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal to revamp Hyderabad airport;

(b) the steps taken by Government in this connection so far; and

(c) whether funds have been allocated for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The works for extension and resurfacing of existing runway (including construction of Reinforced Concrete Cement bridges over nallah) and providing two additional parking bays for AB-320 type of aircraft through extension of existing apron is at an advanced stage. Besides, the work for extension of terminal buildings for providing an escalator on the international arrival side and additional security hold area and an additional aerobridge on the eastern side of domestic departure area has already been initiated. The work for internal modifications and refurbishing of terminal buildings for improvement of passenger flow and facilities has also commenced.

(c) Yes, Sir.